



July 2, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication: WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 07-135, 06-122, 13-39, 18-156, 18-89, CC Docket 01-92, and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 28, 2018, Commissioner Carr and his Chief of Staff, Jamie Susskind, spoke to members of ITTA – the Voice of America’s Broadband Providers (ITTA) at ITTA’s Membership Meeting.¹ During the meeting, certain attendees expressed positions consistent with ITTA’s prior advocacy related to the universal service high-cost program budget for rate-of-return carriers;² the need for reforms of the universal service contribution methodology;³ support for stay of the rural call completion rules adopted in April 2018;⁴ proposed Commission action related to 8YY originating access charges;⁵ and a proposed Commission rule to withhold federal universal service fund (USF) disbursements to any USF recipient purchasing equipment or services from any communications equipment or service providers identified as posing a national security risk to communications networks or the communications supply chain.⁶

¹ Attendees of this portion of the ITTA Membership Meeting included: Stacey Mueller of Blackfoot Communications; Drew Petersen and Bob DeBroux of TDS Telecom; Ted Heckmann and Pat Rupich of Cincinnati Bell; Jeb Benedict, Jeff Lanning, and Joe Cavender of CenturyLink; Trey Judy of Hargray Communications; Kevin Kastor of Consolidated Communications; Greg Lunsford of Comporium; John Strode and Susan Christian of Ritter Communications; Wendy Fast of the Consolidated Companies of Nebraska; Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications; Matt DelNero and Yaron Dori of Covington & Burling; and Genny Morelli, Paul Raak, and the undersigned of ITTA.

² See, e.g., Comments of ITTA – The Voice of America’s Broadband Providers, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, and 07-135, CC Docket No. 01-92 (May 25, 2018).

³ See, e.g., Comments of the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance, WC Docket No. 06-122, GN Docket No. 09-51 (July 9, 2012).

⁴ See, e.g., Comments of ITTA – The Voice of America’s Broadband Providers, WC Docket No. 13-39 (June 18, 2018).

⁵ See, e.g., Comments of ITTA – The Voice of America’s Broadband Providers, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 07-135, CC Docket No. 01-92 (July 31, 2017).

⁶ See, e.g., Comments of ITTA – The Voice of America’s Broadband Providers, WC Docket No. 18-89 (June 1, 2018).

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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